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## Red Power In Domingo Still Puzzle

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Sen. J. William Fulbright, D., Ark., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday that the full extent of the Communist threat during the recent Dominican crisis may never be known.

The committee yesterday began closed hearings into the United States role in the affair. For three hours and 15 minutes committee members remained behind closed doors with Under Secretary of State Thomas C. Mann and Deputy Defense Secretary Cyrus R. Vance.

Afterward, Sen. Fulbright said the critical unanswered question confronting the committee was the extent of Communist influence in the Dominican political upheaval.

He said he was convinced by the testimony there was "some Communist influence" among rebel supporters of former President Juan D. Bosch in whose name the revolution first erupted on April 24. But he reported, the committee has been unable to evaluate the scope of the Communists' strength and he further observed, "I don't know that we ever will."

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D., Minn., wryly commented, "they (U. S. officials) didn't know what was going on down there. I learned that other people didn't know what I didn't know."